

## CASE SUMMARY

Case Number 2:24-CR-00751-MWC

Defendant Number 1

FILED  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
**12/17/2024**  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
BY: MMC DEPUTY

U.S.A. v. Joseph Benza III

Indictment

Information

Investigative agency (FBI, DEA, etc.) FBI

**NOTE: All items MUST be completed. If you do not know the answer or a question is not applicable to your case, enter "N/A."**

### OFFENSE/VENUE

a. Offense charged as a:

- Class A Misdemeanor  Minor Offense  Petty Offense  
 Class B Misdemeanor  Class C Misdemeanor  Felony

b. Date of Offense Feb. 10, 2023

c. County in which first offense occurred

Los Angeles

d. The crimes charged are alleged to have been committed in  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- Los Angeles  Ventura  
 Orange  Santa Barbara  
 Riverside  San Luis Obispo  
 San Bernardino  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Citation of Offense 18 USC 242

e. Division in which the MAJORITY of events, acts, or omissions giving rise to the crime or crimes charged occurred:

- Western (Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura)  
 Eastern (Riverside and San Bernardino)  Southern (Orange)

### RELATED CASE

Has an indictment or information involving this defendant and the same transaction or series of transactions been previously filed and dismissed before trial?

No  Yes

If "Yes," Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to General Order 21-01, criminal cases may be related if a previously filed indictment or information and the present case:

- a. arise out of the same conspiracy, common scheme, transaction, series of transactions or events; or  
b. involve one or more defendants in common, and would entail substantial duplication of labor in pretrial, trial or sentencing proceedings if heard by different judges.

Related case(s), if any (**MUST MATCH NOTICE OF RELATED CASE**): \_\_\_\_\_

### PREVIOUSLY FILED COMPLAINT/CVB CITATION

A complaint/CVB citation was previously filed on: n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Charging: \_\_\_\_\_

The complaint/CVB citation:

- is still pending  
 was dismissed on: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREVIOUS COUNSEL

Was defendant previously represented?  No  Yes

IF YES, provide Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMPLEX CASE

Are there 8 or more defendants in the Indictment/Information?

- Yes\*  No

Will more than 12 days be required to present government's evidence in the case-in-chief?

- Yes\*  No

\*AN ORIGINAL AND 1 COPY (UNLESS ELECTRONICALLY FILED) OF THE NOTICE OF COMPLEX CASE MUST BE FILED AT THE TIME THE INDICTMENT IS FILED IF EITHER "YES" BOX IS CHECKED.

### SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT/INFORMATION

**IS THIS A NEW DEFENDANT?**  Yes  No

This is the n/a superseding charge (i.e., 1st, 2nd).

The superseding case was previously filed on:

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The superseded case:

is still pending before Judge/Magistrate Judge

was previously dismissed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there 8 or more defendants in the superseding case?

- Yes\*  No

Will more than 12 days be required to present government's evidence in the case-in-chief?

- Yes\*  No

Was a Notice of Complex Case filed on the Indictment or Information?

- Yes  No

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### INTERPRETER

Is an interpreter required?  YES  NO

IF YES, list language and/or dialect:

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### OTHER

Male  Female  
 U.S. Citizen  Alien

Alias Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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This defendant is charged in:

All counts  
 Only counts: \_\_\_\_\_

This defendant is designated as "High Risk" per  
18 USC § 3146(a)(2) by the U.S. Attorney.

This defendant is designated as "Special Case" per  
18 USC § 3166(b)(7).

Is defendant a juvenile?  Yes  No

IF YES, should matter be sealed?  Yes  No

The area(s) of substantive law that will be involved in this case  
include(s):

financial institution fraud  public corruption  
 government fraud  tax offenses  
 environmental issues  mail/wire fraud  
 narcotics offenses  immigration offenses  
 violent crimes/firearms  corporate fraud  
 Other 18 USC 242  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### CUSTODY STATUS

Defendant is **not in custody**:

a. Date and time of arrest on complaint: n/a

b. Posted bond at complaint level on: \_\_\_\_\_

in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. PSA supervision?  Yes  No

d. Is on bail or release from another district: \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant is **in custody**:

a. Place of incarceration:  State  Federal

b. Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

c. If Federal, U.S. Marshals Service Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

d.  Solely on this charge. Date and time of arrest: \_\_\_\_\_

e. On another conviction:  Yes  No

IF YES :  State  Federal  Writ of Issue

f. Awaiting trial on other charges:  Yes  No

IF YES :  State  Federal AND

Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date transferred to federal custody: \_\_\_\_\_

This person/proceeding is transferred from another district  
pursuant to F.R.Cr.P.        20        21        40

### EXCLUDABLE TIME

Determinations as to excludable time prior to filing indictment/information. EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date 12/17/2024

/s/ Susan Har

Signature of Assistant U.S. Attorney

Susan Har

Print Name